

happened just two weeks before they were scheduled to return home.

Mr. Speaker, family and friends say Larry and Jean were totally dedicated to missionary work. They served without question—not for glory or recognition, but simply because they felt it was the right thing to do. They were the embodiment of the spirit of Christianity, and we are honored to claim them as North Carolina's own.

Three children, Gina, Scott and Todd, survive the couple, and their many friends and admirers grieve for them at First Baptist. The Elliotts' deaths leave a tremendous void, but they also inspire the rest of us to work harder and to practice our faith in ways that honor their service.

We thank God for the joy Larry and Jean Elliott found in their faith and honor all the candles they lit in lives around the world.

CONGRATULATIONS TO MARVIN  
AND LUGENE SOLOMON FOR 50  
YEARS OF MARRIAGE

**HON. JERRY LEWIS**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, March 18, 2004*

Mr. LEWIS of California. Mr. Speaker, I would like today to extend congratulations to Marvin and Eugene Solomon of Southern California, who are celebrating their 50th year of marriage in a relationship that blends artistic talents with creative business acumen.

Although Eugene is a native of Oklahoma, the Solomons have lived a California dream since they met while attending the University of California. At the time, Eugene was juggling her studies with a starring role as Babs Riley in the television show "The Life of Riley."

Fifty years after they were married, Marvin and Eugene are still at work. Eugene now applies her artistic talents through a successful cloisonné pin and embroidered patch company, C. Sanders Emblems, which provides logos and uniform patches for groups and companies across America.

Marvin's first company, Nuclear Supplies, was started in 1963 specializing in nuclear radiation detection equipment and was later absorbed by his test and measurement instrumentation company Soltec Corporation, based in Los Angeles. Marvin, the CEO and founder of Soltec, leads a team of scientists and engineers with a world-class reputation for designing integrated engineering solutions to modern day challenges in both the public and private sectors. The company's hand-held radiation detection equipment has saved lives and protected the health of many people in both government and industry.

The Solomons have lived in San Marino, California, for the past 30 years, where they raised their two daughters, Jennifer Solomon and Kimberly Fortier. They are also the proud grandparents of three grandchildren. Eugene loves foreign languages and keeps current as a bi-lingual speaker of French in their travels abroad and in spending time at their apartment in Paris. She is also active in theatre and opera groups.

Mr. Speaker, Marvin and Eugene Solomon have forged successful independent careers even as they have shared their lives for the past 50 years. I ask that you and my col-

leagues join me in congratulating them on their perseverance, and wishing them well in their future endeavors.

HONORING DR. BRIAN APRILL  
UPON HIS RETIREMENT FROM  
THE U.S. NAVY

**HON. DOUG BEREUTER**

OF NEBRASKA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, March 18, 2004*

Mr. BEREUTER. Mr. Speaker, this Member rises to pay tribute to Dr. Brian Aprill, Captain in the U.S. Navy, on the occasion of his retirement from the U.S. Navy on May 1, 2004.

Dr. Aprill has accompanied the House of Representatives' delegation to NATO Parliamentary Assembly meetings, on seven separate occasions, in his capacity as the delegation's physician. As Chairman of the House Delegation to the NATO Parliamentary Assembly, this Member would like to thank Dr. Aprill for his truly outstanding performance in his professional competence, good nature and fine assistance to the delegation which is greatly appreciated by all Members of the delegation.

Dr. Aprill is a graduate of Whittier College and Washington University School of Medicine. Currently, he is the Staff Endocrinologist in the Endocrinology and Metabolism Division, Department of Internal Medicine at the Bethesda National Naval Medical Center. In addition, he is the Assistant Professor of Medicine, Uniformed Services University of Health Sciences, and Program Director, Transitional Year Program. In 1991, Dr. Aprill received the Navy Achievement Medal and in 1996, the Navy Commendation Medal.

This Member, in behalf of himself and the House delegation to the NATO Parliamentary Assembly, commends Dr. Aprill on his outstanding career with the U.S. Navy and wishes him well in his new capacity as a Staff Endocrinologist with the Frist Clinic in Nashville, Tennessee.

CONGRATULATING MOUNT  
CLEMENS GENERAL HOSPITAL

**HON. SANDER M. LEVIN**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, March 18, 2004*

Mr. LEVIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to congratulate Mount Clemens General Hospital on the opening of their new Radiology Oncology Center and the completion of the first phase of the Ted B. Wahby Cancer Center. I also want to join the staff and trustees of Mount Clemens General in honoring my friend Ted Wahby for his long dedication to providing quality health care and to the service of Macomb County.

Ted currently serves as Macomb County Treasurer and has a long record of dedicated public service. He was voted one of Crain's Detroit Business 25 most influential leaders last year. Prior to his service as Treasurer, he was the long-time mayor of St. Clair Shores and a trustee of the Lakeshore School District Board. Among his many charitable efforts, he serves as Chairman of the Board of Trustees at Mount Clemens General Hospital and has

played an active, instrumental role in making this much-needed cancer center a reality.

Macomb County currently experiences a higher cancer rate than its neighboring counties. The county is also growing faster than any other Michigan County. In the next 50 years, the number of Macomb County cancer cases will double and the number of cancer cases among those over 85 will increase fourfold.

The good news is that more and more, we're winning the battle against cancer. The National Institutes of Health estimates that more than 59 percent of those diagnosed with cancer will survive at least five years, and advances in early detection and treatment could soon increase that rate to 75 percent.

The bad news is that it's still a long, hard battle. In Macomb County, it has been made harder by patients having to travel to multiple locations, some of them far away, in order to receive care. In 2001, nearly 70 percent of Macomb County residents were unable to get all the cancer care they needed in their own county.

The new facility will combine state-of-the-art medical technology with a warm, welcoming environment for patients and their families. Patients will have access to clinical trials, interdisciplinary teams of doctors, nurses, pharmacists, social workers, and dietitians, but will also be able to stay in homelike rooms and visit a healing garden.

Ted Wahby's leadership and dedication were indispensable to the building of this new facility. On behalf of myself and the people I represent in the 12th district of Michigan, I thank him warmly for his efforts and congratulate him on the honor of having this fine facility bear his name. It is indeed well-deserved.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. MIKE ROSS**

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, March 18, 2004*

Mr. ROSS. Mr. Speaker, I regret that my vote on the Scott/Watt Amendment (#6) to H.R. 339, the Personal Responsibility in Food Consumption Act was recorded as "no." I would like the record to reflect that my vote should have been "yes."

I recognize and appreciate the important work states have done to prevent and reduce chronic health diseases and obesity-related health conditions. As a former member of the Arkansas State Senate's Public Health, Welfare and Labor Committee, I worked diligently with state agencies and health providers to promote positive statewide health strategies.

According to the underlying bill, a person is defined in section 4(3) of the bill to include governmental entities. Consequently, states could be limited in bringing legal complaints against violators of state consumer protection statutes. The Scott/Watt Amendment would have protected a state's attorney general's option to protect consumers in accordance to consumer protection laws.